

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Award of Contract: Fold-Up
Gym Curtain Replacement -
SHS

ITEM NO.: 3H

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MEETING: May 9, 2006
ACTION DATE: May 9, 2006

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve the award of a construction contract (delivery order) in the amount of \$34.9K to Centennial Contractors Enterprise Inc. of 112 Juliad Court, Suite 280, Fredericksburg Virginia for the replacement of Fold-Up Gym Divider Curtains at Stafford High School.

KEY POINTS:

1. In Nov/Dec 2005, SHS administrative staff identified the need to replace fold-up gym curtains. The existing curtains in the main gym are original equipment installed in 1975. Over the years the curtains have shown signs of considerable wear including but not limited to:
 - Excessive wear on the fabric which has become frayed and ragged (especially @ seams).
 - Steel cables, which raise the curtains to the 26' ceiling height, have become frayed and in some cases broken. Some cables have been replaced by nylon rope creating a safety hazard.
 - The bottom of the curtains contain a heavy steel rod to weigh them down to the floor. When the pocket holding these rods became very worn, school admin, fearing they could fall and injure someone, removed and had them replaced with PVC pipe.
 - The wall controls are dented, broken and are falling into the CMU wall.
2. In April 2006 staff initiated action to utilize the Loudoun County Job Order Contract to execute this work. Stafford County Public Schools is a member of the regional Council of Government (COG) and obtained permission from Loudoun County contract administrators to use the subject contract. The contract and its "rider clause" were reviewed by Stafford County Purchasing Department and they saw no issues with using the contract. A Job Order contract is a contract for construction services that is competitively bid, includes

lists of hundreds – thousands of construction line items/services and includes a pre-negotiated mark-up. The Loudoun County Job Order Contract (Contract #06-370) was awarded to Centennial Contractor Enterprises Inc. of Leesburg Virginia. The contract uses the well-known Means Construction Cost Estimating Guide as its list of construction line items and services.

3. Staff contacted Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc. and obtained a proposal of \$34.9K for replacement of both Fold-Up Gym Divider Curtains in the main gym. The proposed materials have the following features:
 - a. Curtains are Fire-rated as self-extinguishing by Standards UL-214 and NFPA-701.
 - b. Lower section of curtain shall be polyester reinforced solid vinyl fabric, and contains anti-bacterial and anti-fungal treatment to prevent mildew and rot.
 - c. All seams, outer edge hems, and bottom pocket hem are electronically welded with 1" full contact weld instead of stitching.
 - d. Curtains will be hoisted with 1/8" diameter steel aircraft cable at a spacing of no more than 10'.
 - e. New controls flush-mounted on the CMU wall.
 - f. Four (4) SAF-LOKS emergency fail-safe anti-fall protection devices to prevent the falling of the curtains in the event of mechanical malfunction.
4. Staff identified these curtains as a health and safety concern and recommended the use of available FY05 Carry-Over Fund to replace (Original estimate, \$37K). The School Board approved the use of such funds for this project on March 28, 2006.
5. If approved by the School Board staff will award the contract in May 2006 and issue a notice to proceed. Work will take place over the summer and be completed no later than August 15, 2006.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: #5 – Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

#7 – Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn

FUNDING SOURCE: FY05 Carry-Over Funds

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: Stafford County School Board Policy 4-12
Stafford County School Board Policy 4-29